

**LIFE-GIVING OR LIFE-TAKING WORDS.**

It's the small things that no one sees that result in the big things that everyone wants.

**WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT THE POWER OF WORDS?**

- Words have real power.
- Words are a unique and powerful gift from God.

<sup>6</sup>The words of the wicked are like a murderous ambush, but the words of the godly save lives. Proverbs 12:6

The tongue has massive power. The tongue has the power of life and of death. Proverbs 18:21

- Our words will follow us into eternity. Matthew 12:36–37
- Words originate from inside our hearts: Matthew 12:33 – 35

James 3:3 – 6; Proverbs 12:18; Proverbs 15:4

**Life Taking Words**

Others	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Others
Self	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Self

**Life Giving Words**

**2 powerful principles about life-giving words.**

**1. If your words will not help, don't say them.**

<sup>29</sup> Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only the kind of talk that is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. Ephesians 4:29

**2. Make sure it builds up & benefits others because of their need.**

Gracious words are like a honeycomb. They are sweet to the soul and healing to the bones. Proverbs 16:24

David encouraged himself in the Lord, his God. 1 Samuel 30:6

<sup>20</sup> So Jesus said to them, because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. Matthew 17:20

<sup>31</sup> And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, O you of little faith, why did you doubt? Matthew 14:31

<sup>14</sup> Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my strength and my Redeemer. Psalm 19:14